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**MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA/Legislative Counsel**

**SUBJECT : Inquiry by Senator Clair Engle Possibly  
Concerning OXCART Vehicle**

1. Reference is made to your recent conversations with [ ] of this Office, wherein you indicated that Senator Clair Engle is apparently aware of OXCART.

2. Attached is a copy of a note sent by Col. Guy M. Townsend, XB70 Test Director, Edwards AFB, California, cleared OXCART, to Col. Leo Geary, (NBO, AFCIG-5). From the tenor of the note, it is felt in OSA that possibly the references made by Clair Engle at the meeting in question referred to the OXCART vehicle.

3. The attached is forwarded for your information. It would be appreciated if this Office could be informed of the extent of knowledge of Senator Engle and whether or not, in your opinion, it might not be desirable to contact the Senator to solicit his cooperation in protecting this ultra-sensitive activity.

**JACK C. LEDFORD**  
**COLONEL, USAF**  
**Assistant Director**  
**(Special Activities)**

**Attachment, as stated**

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